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Applicant(s) : **Hubbell, et al.**
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 Examiner : **Berman, Susan W.**
 Group Art Unit : **1711**

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The following enclosures are transmitted herewith to be filed in the above patent application:

- (X) Substitute Amendment and Response to Office Action mailed June 28, 2005 in ~~ten~~ (10) pages.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

FILING FEES:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE & DETERMINATION		SMALL FEE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Excess Claims	27 - 27 = 0	2615 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0.00
Excess Ind. Claims	2 - 3 = 0	2614 (\$100)	0 x 100 =	\$0.00
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No Fees are believed due with this filing; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to the credit card.

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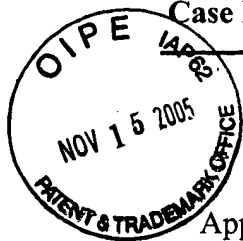
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on November 1, 2005 and Office Action mailed June 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.